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Application No.: 08/766,895

Filed: December 13, 1996

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
ROUTING ENCODED SIGNALS  
THROUGH A NETWORK

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

Figure 3 is objected to because it does not contain the "prior art" label. Applicants have amended Figure 3 to contain the "Prior Art" label. The amended Figure 3 is submitted herewith.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

(thrice amended) 22. An integrated circuit comprising:

a switch adapted to receive a packet of binary digital signals, the packet of binary digital signals including a bit pattern chosen so that when the bit pattern is encoded it directly provides



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- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
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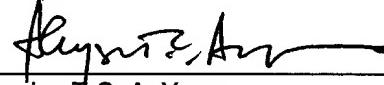
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